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Unsafe Palace Balcony

London, Aug. 21.—The balcony at Buckingham Palace from which the Royal Family is wont to acknowledge the "homage of loyal crowds" has been found to be unsafe and liable to collapse at any time, it was revealed today.

Engineers from the Ministry of Works who investigated the balcony believe it may have been weakened by a bomb which fell in front of the Palace during the war. It has been cordoned off to make sure nobody uses it.—Reuter.

3-POWER PARLEYS

London, Aug. 21.—A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Britain would reject Russia's eleventh-hour protest against the Anglo-US-French conference, which is opening tomorrow, on a new level for German industry.

The Soviet Embassy delivered Russia's note to the Foreign Office yesterday. It protested against the holding of three-power talks on what Russia maintained was a quadripartite matter.

The Foreign Office said Britain would reply that the matter concerned only the level of German industry in the United States Zone of Germany. It said the conference was being held at France's request, so that she could air her views.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, said at the Moscow Big Four conference earlier this year that he believed the limit of German steel production should be raised from the provisional level of 5,800,000 tons to between ten million and 12 million, but he attached so many political conditions to his proposal that no four-power agreement could be reached.

Faced with a four-power stalemate, Britain and the United States agreed on a bilateral basis. Lt-Gen. Lucius Clay, American commander, and Lt-Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British deputy commander, subsequently agreed in principle that the level for the Anglo-American Zones—in which some 70 per cent of the German industry is situated—should be raised to between 10 million and 12 million tons.

France, however, expressed concern over the figure and asked for an opportunity to express her views. It was understood France believed the figure should not be above 7,500,000 tons.

The conference opening tomorrow was expected to reach the views of all three nations and attempt to reach some agreement which could be referred to the three governments for approval.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Underpaid Teachers

THE concern which the Director of Education has expressed regarding the shortage of teachers in Hongkong will be shared by a large number of parents anxious for their children to receive a modern education under reasonable conditions. Mr. Rowell advanced no special reason for this dearth of trained personnel, but it is not hard to find. It centres around that well-known circumstance which always rears its ugly head where the subject of local Government employment is concerned—salary. To become a Hongkong schoolteacher is to undertake a career which demands several years of study, culminating with two years at the Northcote Training College. By the time the average man reaches Northcote he is in his twenties and probably married; may even have a family. His indecent to spend two years at the training college is free tuition and a subsistence allowance which, today, amounts to about \$100 a month. The most frugal person would find it difficult to live on this income at current cost of living. And what temptation does Government offer him after

he has completed his training course and is ready and able to handle classes of schoolchildren? A starting basic salary of \$75 a month, plus existing ICL and Rehabilitation allowances. After 20 years he reaches his maximum basic salary of \$500. Is it any wonder potential teachers are shunning such unremunerative careers? Wherein lies the attraction? The old myth that teaching is a "calling" like the church, is no longer valid. Schoolteaching is a livelihood—exacting and arduous. The best teachers should be paid the best possible salaries, and even the humblest receive a living income. In Hongkong today, many who normally would seek a teaching career, are turning to commerce for the simple reason that Government is not willing to offer them fair terms of employment. Meanwhile the demand for education is greater than ever, and so far as the supply of trained teachers is concerned, no way of satisfying it. Presumably all of this has been placed before the Salaries Commission, and it is to be hoped, has received proper consideration. The recommendations of the Commission regarding local-trained teachers will certainly be given close scrutiny when they are made public.

Britain's Leaders Face Toughest Job

BATTLE ORDERS ISSUED

London, Aug. 21.—Britain's leaders today received their battle orders for the toughest fight they have ever had to face—to step up output by £400,000,000 within four years in order to relieve the crushing burden of food purchases abroad which represent more than half the country's dollar imports.

Launching the new programme today, Mr. Tom Williams, Minister of Agriculture, said that it involved "an immense effort greatly surpassing the highest known output of agriculture industry hitherto."

Failure to achieve the target, he told a private meeting of the National Farmers' Union and later a press conference in London today, would mean undernourishment or widespread unemployment or both, for the British people.

The new rate of output would be 16 per cent above the highest peak reached during the war years when the country depended solely on her own produce and supplies which ran the gauntlet of the U-boat blockade. "Even so, it is hoped that these figures will be exceeded," he declared. Emphasis has been deliberately placed on "exceeding" production. Particularly important are pigments, beef, mutton, cereals and linseed. "The Government's programme is essentially one of reviving and expanding production of meat and eggs, restoring part of wartime expansion of wheat and barley and, adding to the crop area, no less than 40,000 acres of linseed."

One-half of the expansion should arise from higher efficiency and one-half from additions to the resources of industry, he said. By next year, the wheat acreage would be increased by about 500,000 acres. The number of pigs would be trebled by 1,951-52.

That Mr. Williams told the farmers, programme would be achieved by giving them "an absolutely assured market" rising prices and giving subsidies and grants recruiting from labour and giving agriculture a large number of other detailed assistance. "Even with this new programme, we shall still have to import very great quantities of food," he declared.

"No situation during the war was more serious than that confronting the nation at present," the Minister said.—Reuter.

NEW BALANCE SHEET

London, Aug. 21.—The British Government, it was learned today, intends to lose no time in opening discussion with other countries in Eastern Hemisphere for new trading and currency arrangements following the suspension of convertibility of sterling into dollars.

As an immediate result of the British Treasury's action, Britain must

now draw up a fresh balance sheet of its essential requirements in goods and its capacity to supply other nations which will be left in possession of inconvertible sterling. The technical services of the Treasury and the Board of Trade are already engaged on this task. Action regarding the decision of the full British Cabinet is likely to be called for at an early stage probably within the next few days. It may therefore be expected that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will again interrupt his vacation in North Wales to return to London as will other Ministers, at present on holiday in various parts of the country.—Reuter.

MORE WITHDRAWALS

Washington, Aug. 21.—Britain's withdrawal today of another \$150,000,000 from the Anglo-American loan and the planned withdrawal of the same amount on August 25 and August 26 will reduce the remaining credits to \$400,000,000 or a little over one-ninth of the total loan of \$375,000,000.

The further withdrawals, officials here said, were permitted to meet the same order in the United States for \$450,000,000.—Reuter.

LESS FOR TRAVELLERS

London, Aug. 21.—From Saturday (August 23) the amount of sterling notes which may be carried into or out of the United Kingdom by travellers will be reduced from £20 to £5 per head, the Treasury announced tonight.—Reuter.

MINERS' GESTURE

London, Aug. 22.—Representatives of the National Union of Mineworkers agreed during a conference on Thursday with Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Bevin and other Ministers, as well as representatives of the National Coal Board to "an increase in stints which is this possible and to bring to an end all restrictive practices."

A stint is an area of coal face allotted to be cleared during one shift. Officials calling for higher production say most present stints could be cleared in seven and a half hours, the present working day in the nationalised mines.

The miners' new undertaking, expected to be explained in detail when it is submitted to a delegate conference for approval on Friday, appeared to be a partial agreement to Prime Minister Clement Attlee's request that they work an extra half hour a day as a temporary measure. A statement issued after the meeting said no agreement was reached on "conditions to be attached" to the extra work that is on the rate of overtime pay. The miners agreed, however, to discuss with the Board methods of curbing absenteeism, including possible penalties against chronic absenteeism.—Associated Press.

Rangoon Grenade Incident

Rangoon, Aug. 20.—A hand grenade was thrown at the branch headquarters of the People's Volunteer Organisation in East Rangoon tonight, but there were no casualties. The grenade exploded ten yards from the headquarters. As a precautionary measure, the police ordered three main roads in the vicinity of Jubilee Hall, where the leaders are lying in state, to be closed to traffic between 8 p.m. and dawn nightly until further notice.—United Press.

How Colonies Can Help Britain In Her Crisis

London, Aug. 21.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, today sent a personal message to all British colonies except Ceylon, outlining ways in which they could help in Britain's economic crisis.

Mr. Creech Jones said the colonies could: (1) Cut imports from Britain to what they could pay for out of current earnings. (2) Confine all their imports to a level below the actual earnings of their exports. (3) Increase the production of goods which the United Kingdom buys with dollars and goods which could be exported for dollars.

"The needs of the world for food and raw materials offer an unprecedented opportunity for the Colonies to develop their production and their trade on lines which, as with all soundly organised trade, will bring mutual advantage to both parties to it," the message said.—United Press.

IMMIGRATION BY PARACHUTE

Jewish Agitator's Plan

Paris, Aug. 21.—A plan to parachute young Jewish men and women immigrants into Palestine, using dozens of former service planes, was revealed by Rabbi Baruch Korff, co-chairman of the United States Political Action Commission for Palestine, at a press conference here today.

New Outrages In Palestine

\$10,000 HOLD-UP

Jerusalem, Aug. 21.—For a change Arab terrorism caused an alert in Jerusalem today and Arab bandits in Haifa made off with \$10,000 snatched from a bank messenger. One of the bandits was caught.

In the meantime, the lull in terrorist attacks on British forces was broken when a soldier was seriously injured by an electrically detonated mine that blew up an army truck north of Nathanya on a coastal road today. The detonating mechanism was found behind a brushwood screen near the roadside—a typical setup for a Jewish terrorist attack.

Another bomb went off under cover of a gasoline tank at a filling station in Haifa, causing slight damage and wounding no one.

About 150 p.m. in Haifa, a Jewish employee of the Ottoman Bank, Simond David Bouzage, 63, accompanied by an Arab messenger boy, was walking along a street with a brief case containing \$10,000 (Palestine currency) which he was taking to another bank for deposit. "Two armed men attacked Bouzage, snatched the brief-case and made off in a car driven by a third man."

ARMoured CAR CHASE

A police armoured car gave chase, catching up with the bandits' car which stopped outside the city. Two men jumped out and a British constable pursued one of them on foot. The holdup man exchanged pistol shots until his ammunition was exhausted, when he was arrested by the constable.

He gave his name as Mohammed Jabri. The stolen car in which the bandits fled was later found in Athlit, but the money was not recovered.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Government today banned for 14 days the Arab daily newspaper, the Ad Difa (Defence) for a breach of censorship.

The Ad Difa failed to submit for censorship an "inflammatory" article on the Arab Youth movement, a Government spokesman said.

This is the longest suspension imposed on a Palestine newspaper for a censorship breach, previous bans being for seven days.

MISSION FAILS

It is reliably reported that Mahmoud Labib, a former Egyptian Army major, who was sent here by the Arab Higher Committee to organize and coordinate the Arab Youth Organisation, left Jaffa for Cairo today, after an extension of stay in Palestine had been refused. With Labib's departure, it is reliably reported that the consolidation of the two semi-military units formed Arab Youth groups has once again failed. The Arab Higher Committee is not beseeching Mohammed Nimir Hawari leader of Nejd, the older and larger of the two organisations, to take over direction of the combined organisation. Hawari is reported to be insisting that he is not to be subjected to directives of the Arab Higher Committee's members in Palestine. Labib was the organiser of the Youth movement of the Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt.—Reuter.

10 HK BUSINESSMEN FOR JAPAN

Resumption Of Trade

Names of the first 10 Hongkong companies who may be permitted to send trade representatives to Japan were made available today.

The firms are Associated China Traders, Ltd., Caldwell, MacGregor and Co., Ltd., E. Ott and Co., Ltd., Gidumal and Watumull, O. K., Ltd., H. M. H. Esmail and Sons, Scott and English, Ltd., Shewakram and Co., Sino British Engineering Co., Summerbliss Co., and Wang Kee and Co.

The 10 were selected in London from the list of 70 Hongkong exporters and their names have been sent to the authorities in Japan for approval.

It usually takes at least a fortnight for credentials to be cleared, officials said, and it is unlikely that any of the Hongkong representatives will be able to leave for Japan before September.

THREE-WEEK STAY

The former enemy country was reopened to private trading on a limited scale and under SCAP control on August 15. Hongkong businessmen will join those from other countries in making trade contacts and learning what Japan has to offer world markets.

Regulations are that each trader going to Japan will be permitted 21 days in the country, after which he may be replaced from the waiting list in the country. The representatives, however, the trader may apply for an extension, which may be granted if the quota is not filled or if rules are changed.

Hongkong had a flourishing trade with Japan before the war, and many local businessmen made frequent trips to that country. Nearly 13 per cent of the Colony's exports came from Japan in 1936, but the percentage declined markedly after that time.

Among the major Japanese products brought here prior to the war were cotton goods and yarn, silk, fish, and fish products, coal, malt liquors, boots and shoes, electric light bulbs and matches.

NO FURS OR JEWELLERY

London, Aug. 21.—British women will from now on have to go abroad without their furs or jewellery, following an order of the Board of Trade, which took effect today.

The order extends the list of valuables which travellers cannot take out of the country without an export licence to diamonds, silver, watches, works of art and postage stamps.

Licences will not be granted for valuables taken as personal effects, so even if women passengers wear their mink-coats and pearl collars, they would be liable to seizure by customs officials.—Reuter.

Robles Leaves Paris

Lisbon, Aug. 20.—Senior Gil Robles, political adviser of the pretender, Don Juan, returned to Lisbon today by plane from Paris.—United Press.

Goddard Wins Game For Gloucester

London, Aug. 21.—After an exciting day's play, Gloucestershire scored a thrilling victory over Glamorgan at Cheltenham, where the pitch upheld its reputation of being a spin bowlers' paradise.

Muncer, Glamorgan's spin bowler, dismissed the winners cheaply, taking eight wickets for 36 runs, just missing the hat-trick when he took the last three wickets in four balls, but the Gloucestershire spinner, Tom Goddard, then came into action and took eight for 61 to give his side a narrow victory.

The hat-trick was performed at Derby, where E. J. Gollard, Derbyshire's captain, took the Middlesex wickets of Edrich, Fairbairn and Robins. Despite this, Middlesex have put together a good score, thanks to Brown with 106 not out. The close of play scores today were:

At Manchester: Lancashire beat Hampshire by an innings and 80 runs. Lancashire 229, Hampshire 118 (Pollard six for 23), and 133 (Jolley four for 31).
At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Glamorgan by 29 runs. Gloucestershire 172 and 138 (Barnett 62, Muncer eight for 36). Glamorgan

156 and 125 (Goddard eight for 61).
At Eastbourne: Essex 460, Sussex 248 (Onkes 113, Peter Smith six for 80), and 43 for no wickets.

At Northampton: Nottinghamshire 219 and 399 for five declared (Keeton 53, Simpson 83, Willatt 112, Hardstaff 102 not out). Northants 158 (Jepson five for 39) and 73 for no wickets.

At Dover: Kent 208 and 273 (Davies 54, Paveon 68, Davey 54).
Worcestershire 139 (Davies six for 28) and 89 for six.

At Leeds: Yorkshire 314 and 140 for six. Warwickshire 229 (Thompson 73, Doolery 94, Coxon five for 60).

At Derby: Middlesex 253 and 243 for four (Brown 106 not out).
Derbyshire 226.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 454 and 101 for six. Somerset 300.—Reuter.

MOTOR RACES

Douglas, Isle of Man, Aug. 21.—F. R. Gerard, driving a super-charged ERA, won the first post-war British Empire Trophy motor race here today, and Prince Simon won the junior race for the Manx Cup.

Gerard covered the course of 185 miles, made up of 40 laps of just under four miles each, through

winding roads between high banks with hedges which made the corners blind, in two hours 10 minutes 52 seconds, at an average speed of 68.02 miles per hour.

P. N. Whitehead, also driving an ERA, finished second in two hours 18 minutes 35 seconds at an average speed of 67.17 mph.

The Sussex prince won the Manx Cup over 48½ miles in 42 minutes 17 seconds at an average speed of 66.05 mph.—Reuter.

DAI REES WINS

Brighton, August 22.—The Welshman, Dai Rees, captured the £250 prize on Thursday in the London News Chronicle professional golf tournament with four rounds of 68-69-71, total 275, with all fourth round ends not yet in. Rees had appeared to have clinched second prize money with a score of 280.—Associated Press.

Title Fight Sept. 19

London, Aug. 21.—The manager of Theo Medina, of France, has agreed to September 19 as the new date for Medina to defend his European heavyweight boxing title against Peter Kane, of Great Britain, at Belle Vue, Manchester.

The fight was postponed from August 20 as Kane has synovitis in both hands.—Reuter.

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The Treasure in the Thames

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

TREASURES worth thousands of pounds—among them medieval rings, bracelets and money, Roman beads and pottery and a Stone Age necklace—have been picked out of the Thames mud by Mr. Robin Green, a London antiquarian.

I joined him and his band of women helpers in a search of the mud left by the tide near Blackfriars, E.C. [Mr. Green spends most of his Sundays this way.]

In five minutes we found a silver bracelet, a Bow porcelain figure, a halfpenny dated 1669 and glass beads made in Aleppo 2,000 years ago.

When Mr. Green read in Pepys' diary that boats loaded with household goods in the Great Fire of 1666



—In the background St. Paul's.

had overturned near Southwark Bridge he searched the spot.

He found bone and pewter spoons, ivory-handled knives, pots, jewellery and toys.

Later he found a medieval wedding ring which could only have fitted the hand of a child wife and a ring set with many pearls.

A gold button from the mud is stamped with the mystic sign of Solomon and the Tudor rose. It probably belonged to a member of the notorious Hell-Fire Club which used to practise witchcraft.

In another stretch of City mud Mr. Green found five 17th century jews' harps and a clay pipe with the royal sign of Charles II. on it.

These puzzled him until he learned that in 1677 a ship with a cargo of jews' harps and clay pipes left that spot to trade with the Indians in Virginia.

Mr. Green got his first clue to the Thames treasures quite accidentally. While freighting on the river in 1931 he slipped in the mud and found he was clutching a James I. clay pipe.

In the same place he showed me hundreds of pipes left by the tide dating from Elizabethan days to the time of Queen Anne.

I have caught up with Otto —he's home again, and in jail

by JOHN DEANE POTTER

HAMBURG. OTTO BERTRAM, 31-year-old former Luftwaffe colonel, has just returned from a six-week trip to England, and is going to prison. He was in a hurry to get to his office and the tram was full, so he rode on the buffer.

This is verboten, and a German policeman took his name and he was fined 10 marks (6s.) or two days in jail. He prefers jail because, he says wryly, it does not make much difference if you are in jail or not, the way things are in Germany today.

Otto has been back from England more than a month, living in his small room furnished with heavy German furniture near the centre of Hamburg. He had a flat once, but this was requisitioned by the British.

Otto is a reporter of the German News Services. That is why he was chosen to go to Britain for six weeks to learn from us how to be a good European.

When he came back from England he was tanned and had put on two stone in weight. Now he is white-faced and thin again, like most of his countrymen.

His salary is just over 400 marks, or £10 on the fixed rate of exchange. On the black market his money for a month is worth 50 cigarettes, or about three-quarters of a pound of coffee.

Otto counts himself one of the more fortunate dwellers in this wreck of Germany's second biggest city. And whether you like it or not, Hamburg, as the biggest city in the British zone, is Britain's responsibility.

Puzzled

FOR the past two weeks I have been studying the Germans, and a disquieting and disappointing study it is. The most puzzled people about their plight are the Germans themselves. They feel that no one seems to like them or wants to help them.

They are unconscious of the way the rest of the world regards them. The other day I went to a party with Otto, for which I provided a bottle of schnapps, and there I met a girl whom I will call Anna Schulz. She was aged 22, blonde, and unmistakably German.

After two glasses of schnapps Anna said: "You know—Otto? He is the sort of man we are most proud of in Germany—a flier. It is a pity you are not an RAF man, because I like all fliers, they are great heroes."

When Anna started to sing the Horst Wessel Song, Otto decided to leave.

Yet there is no real charm in Anna. She is just a typical dumb girl of any nation. When the war broke out she was 14, and all she knows about are uniforms and Nazism. And there are millions like her in Germany.

The police

THERE can be doubt that democracy here is creaking. One reason is that British officials generally are men who have little interest in their job because they know it is only temporary, with little future prospects.

A simple example shows how our approach has been misunderstood: We have abolished the secret police, and now the white-capped German policeman walking down the streets of Hamburg models himself on the London bobby.

But the postwar gentility of the German police does not suit the German mentality: it will take them many years to get used to it. Now they regard the police as having no authority because they do not push them around. That is one reason why crime is so prevalent in Germany today.

If a citizen reports a policeman for rudeness, the policeman is forced to write an essay in his spare time on politeness.

Out of Hamburg's population of a million and a half 80,000 live among the ruins in shacks or air-raid shelters. I went into one at random—it was an air-raid shelter about the size of a suburban drawing room.

Sitting at a table made of packing cases was a 40-year-old steelworker Rudolf Lipke and his family of 11, including nine-year-old twin boys.

We talked for hours, and they explained quietly and without reticence how they lived. Even with 10-year-old Anna doing a bit of needlework, the total family income for one week is only 107 marks, and a black market loaf costs 25 marks.

At school the twins are learning nothing because the old books are forbidden and there are no new ones yet. And there is no paper to write their exercises on.

Frau Lipke told me this, and said she thought it was a terrible thing for children to grow up without education.

should disgorge occasionally but which far more often do not.

Garages have gambling machines so that you may have a quick flutter while your car's tank is being filled.

The restaurants have them—and the barber shops have them—and no magazines to read while waiting, thus distracting you from the joys of gambling.

Even the grocer's shop has them. In the lobbies of the hotels they stand in long lines and in the bars they compete for attention with the drinks.

If bellfruit machines are a too plebeian way of losing money for you, you may lose it faster and in larger quantities at faro. Or roulette, or several games in which dice apparently not equipped with double sixes figure prominently.

There are also card tricks of every known type and many unknown to any but the indomitable Las Vegas.

Across the street a Mexican workman was repairing a big electric sign that read:

"Las Vegas Greena Green! Marriages arranged, while you wait! Chapel provided! Licences included! Low all-in rates!"

Divorces? Oh, they are a little further down the street.

—Frederick Cook

The man who is most interested in what happens to families like the Lipkes is 60-year-old Max Brauer, Hamburg's burgomaster, and most remarkable citizen. When Hitler came to power he fled and spent ten years in the United States and became an American citizen.

I talked to him in his office in the Rathaus, where the old clock chimed like something from a Gothic fairy story. White-haired, upright Brauer has renounced his American citizenship and become a German again.

He said: "No one likes to be occupied—make no mistake, they do not love you—but matters are often made worse by stupid and unnecessary requisitioning by the Army. Every major who comes to Germany has a house like Buckingham Palace, while Germans live six in a room—that is no way to get liked."

To run the British zone of Germany costs the British taxpayer £80,000,000 a year. A lot of that could be saved if the Germans were given more responsibility.

Hope needed

AS I end this report my mind goes back to the Lipke family. While I talked to them there was the eldest son, Enno, aged 21, who served two years in the German Army.

Every few minutes he put down his book and gazed at the dripping ceiling.

Enno is symbolic of German youth today, just lying around thinking, thinking. If they are not offered some sort of hope they may start acting. The consequences for the rest of the world could be unpleasant.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE Strabismus rocket, in which that indefatigable savant will make his second attempt on the moon, is almost ready for a test.

tell the cod by its tail." Her mother said: "I do so think it's good propaganda for both of them. I always say."

Financial note

MANY people ask me what will happen when sterling earned abroad starts being converted. It depends. If loan-credits lying in clearing houses are unlocked at once there will be a spate of cheap money. But if the internal accounts are left unbalanced owing to forward buying, then further bills will have to be drawn on the open market, before the short-term loans can be met from the various international funds.

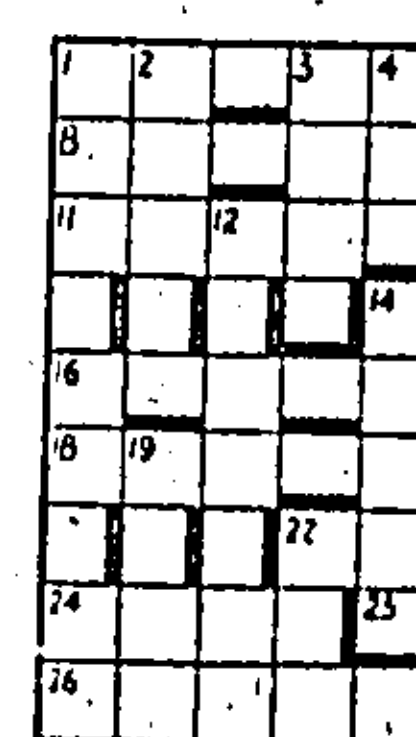
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Stocking-conscious

READING of a new nylon plant which will produce 375 miles of yarn a minute ("faster than sound," commented a well-known spokesman in touch with stockings) for 24 hours a day, two things occurred to me. (1) They have discovered, to no small purpose, the secret of perpetual motion. (2) If all the stockings made in a year were laid end to end, all the female centipedes in England could have little nylon socks.

• See my article in Financial Times, October 15, 1946.

CROSSWORD



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- Continually nag. (10)
- Even in fairy tales boys no gem. (5)
- It's really cold below this. (4)
- They show a sailor in his natural setting. (15)
- A steward's natural direction. (9)
- Down
- Cause to agree. (9)
- Is may give friendship. (15)
- Jack Horner's and. (8)
- This side is wet. (3)
- Natural for a dictator to do. (4)
- Sharp. (5)
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- Back a small mill for the Churchillian lion. (4)
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The Gaudiest, Riproaringest Town in America

OUT in the middle of the Nevada desert, surrounded by thousands of acres of blistering sagebrush country, where shade temperatures just now run more than 100 and where thermometers pop like corks, is the gaudiest, riproaringest town in America—Las Vegas, the city that makes a living—and a good one—out of human frailty.

Las Vegas prides itself on the fact that you can get married quicker, get divorced easier and lose your money faster there than anywhere else in the country.

This is hotly disputed on all counts by Reno, and as to the first two, I cannot say, but I can testify that it is surprisingly easy to lose money in any of the scores of gambling halls that line the streets of Las Vegas.

One begins to suspect that there is something different about this Nevada town, where, not so long ago, it was a disgrace to die with one's boots off, while still hundreds of miles distant in the desert.

In neighbouring and more narrow-minded States, which believe that

gambling should be confined to Wall Street, Las Vegas's gaming dens are innocently advertised along the highways as "dine-and-dance halls," "restaurants" and "hotels."

But the moment the road to Las Vegas crosses into Nevada the 50ft. signs throw off all pretence and gaily begin to plant in the mind of the traveller the thought that it might be fun to try his luck at the tables.

RIPE FOR THE LURE

By sheer repetition, for there are hundreds of them, they break down whatever resistance the traveller may have been putting up, and as he finally pulls up in the centre of the town he is ripe for the lure of the "El Rancho Gambling Palace," the "Frontier Club," the "Old Wild West," the "Pioneer Club," the "Cactus Gambling Hall" and the scores of others that line the route from one end of Las Vegas to the other.

Wide open to the street, they are jam-packed with serious-faced crowds industriously feeding coins into the bellfruit machines which, according to the law of averages,

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"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am very white-skinned, no freckles, but my arms are very freckled. Should I bare my arms in evening clothes or cover them or try to bleach them?"

Long sleeved evening dresses are very smart, but why not try bleaching? Also try protecting your arms from the sun by covering them in the daytime. Use a sunproof oil. Here's my freckle bleach—slow, but most likely to be sure.

Pure lemon juice is ideal for removing freckles and is absolutely safe and harmless. It is effective because it reduces the freckle pigment. Never use a strong chemical bleach on the face. Apply pure lemon juice freshly squeezed, with a camel's hair brush. Let it dry and leave on for thirty minutes, then rinse off with clear water. In addition to the daily use of lemon juice, a lemon-oatmeal mask twice a week is very helpful. Make your mask this way.

Mix the white of one egg with the juice of one lemon. Blend in sufficient oatmeal or almond cream

to make a thin paste. Apply to face arms, back; wherever your freckles gather, and leave on until dry. Rinse off with warm water.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My face is round and rather larger than the average. I am 5 ft. 5 in. Should I wear my hair high?—LOUISE."

Part your hair on the side and roll it higher on one side than on the other. Deep V-shaped necklines will add to the interest. Use face powder in as deep a shade as your skin can take. Light powder shades tend to make the face look larger.

"Dear Lois Leeds—Can a white-haired woman of 46 wear brown makeup successfully? My eyes are brown, my skin is fair.—L.M."

Brown will look very well on you but select a clear, bright Red Lipstick and rouge to match. Be careful to choose a powder with no yellow tone.

RECORDS SOUGHT IN FISHING

Bermuda is hoping to establish a few world's records in game fishing this year with its US\$5,000 tournament, already in progress, continuing until November 30.

The tournament committee has placed 20 species of fish on its list as eligible for prizes, and is convinced that in three species records or new specimens will be caught. These three are the wahoo, amberfish and bonefish.

The wahoo is a fairly common game fish in Bermuda, usually weighing about 50 pounds. The world record weight is registered at 133 1/2 pounds.

The world's record amberfish weighed 106 pounds, although in 1940 Harry Stubbs, a professional, caught one weighing 171 pounds.

It is the bonefish that Bermuda feels most sure of establishing a new record to shatter the old one of 13 3/4 pounds.

Bonefish are plentiful but are hard to catch because they tend to stay away from the noisy fishing parties. Bermuda fishermen are being encouraged to brail—that is, trail deep—from 20 to 40 fathoms, where big game fish swim, among them big tuna and marlin. It is in deep water that records might be made.—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Gallbraith



"Now don't say you really should be going home before you mean it—last time we were here we got rushed out without a lunch!"

SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER

Featherweight Crepe Tweed For Warm Climate Wear

By Garry Lunzie

MANY a visitor to Scotland has left our country with pleasant memories of a beautiful holiday, and among the souvenirs a yard or two of tweed. We are justly proud of our tweeds; and some of the border varieties have been produced in very pretty patterns in recent years.

The trouble has been that overseas buyers, from the warmest countries, have found little use for the cloth except when visiting some of the colder places. Now, I hear, a border firm have solved the problem. They have discovered an entirely new type of material called crepe tweed, which retains all the characteristics of the Scotch tweed—colour, design and surface softness—but in a featherweight weave which is cool and comfortable and ideal for hot countries.

A Selkirk firm have produced the first cloth and they are confident that it will safeguard the future of the town for years to come. The dark days of 1932 and 1933, when one out of every six persons, in Selkirk was out of a job, are gone forever, say the crepe tweed manufacturers.

The film stars, Margaret Lockwood and Sally Gray, will wear crepe tweed suits when they visit the United States shortly. The new material will be introduced officially in Britain at the Enterprise Scotland exhibition in Edinburgh at the end

of August. Simultaneously the cloth will be displayed in 10 stores overseas in Canada, the United States, Sweden, Belgium, South America, Elre, Egypt and East Africa. It will be on sale generally throughout Britain by next Spring.

TOURISTS

WE are blessed with an enterprising and eager body called the Scottish Tourist Board which does its best to show the people concerned the vast potential in holiday traffic. It has just issued another of its excellent pamphlets encouraging Scots to spend money to attract visitors.

Once again it is pointed out that we could draw over £20,000,000 annually from tourists, but you would hardly think so the way some of our hotels and organisations carry on. They will not realize that by a concerted effort we could become another Switzerland.

A rather novel method of encouraging Scots to encourage tourists is introduced in the pamphlet. It is a table showing how a tourist with £20 in his pocket would spend with £20 in Scotland. Here it is: merchandise £5 4s; restaurants and cafes £4 2s; hotels and rooms £3 8s. 0d; petrol and other motor requirements £2 6s; theatres and amusements £1 14s; transport £3 5s; meals £1 14s; incidentals £1 4s. 6d; tram fares, taxis etc. 12s. 0d. I never thought we Scots had to have things explained so thoroughly!

Record Reviews

POPULAR MUSIC FROM AMERICA

Every major record company has pressed the Jimmy Kennedy-Kennedy-Smith number, "On the Old Spanish Trail." A western classic somewhat on the dreary side, the song has been plugged for all it is worth. Eddy Howard manages to get the most rhythm possible from the song by using a slightly slower beat than used by the other artists (Majestic 1155). Others in approximate order of quality: Ginny Simms (Sopora 3045), Andy Russell (Capitol 432), Harry Babbitt (Columbia 37543), and Roy Rogers (RCA Victor 20-2320).

Conductor Frank DeVol has arranged an album "Waltzing on Air" of familiar melodies in 3/4 time. Strictly for dancing, the waiters are played in concert style with no vocals.

Marek Weber and his orchestra with chorus have recorded a tuncful album of selections from Sigismund Romberg's "Student Prince." The eight sides contain 24 numbers, the best of which is the serenade "Overhead the Moon is Beaming" (Columbia C-134).

New singles: Dinah Shore and Frank Sinatra—"Tea for two" and "My Romance" (Columbia 37528). A duet that really does it.

Ginny Simms—"An Apple Blossom Wedding" and "Wait'll I Get My Sunshine in the Moonlight" (Sopora 3044). Smooth.

Julia Lee—"A Porter's Love Song" (Capitol 40008). Kansas City rhythm.

Louvo and Oscar—"Ole Butter-milk Sky" and "Take Them Cold Feet Outa My Back" (RAC Victor 20-2309). Good rural fun.

Tony Martin—"You're Not So Easy to Forget" and "Don't Tell Me" (RCA Victor 20-2328). Romantic balladizing.

Oak Ridge Quartet—"Ten Commandments" and "You Must Come In at the Door" (Capitol 40010). Hill country spirituals.

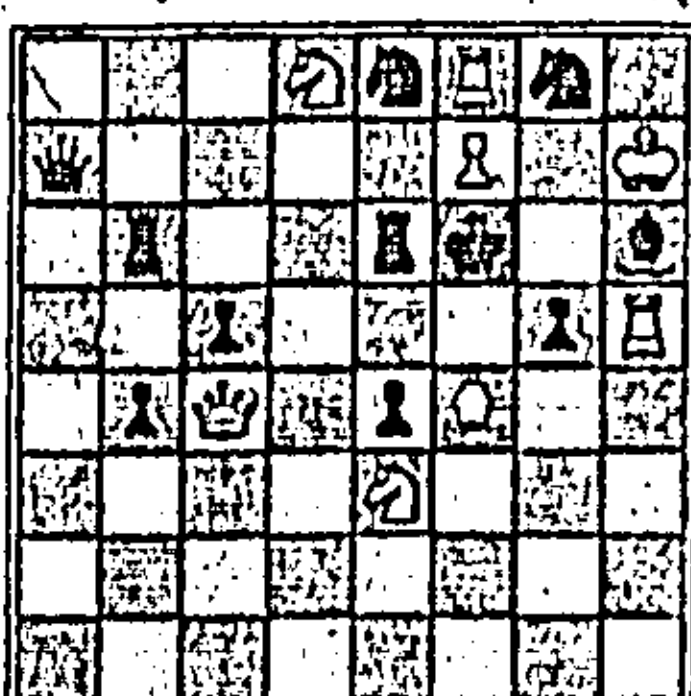
Wendy Herman—"Bloop Heep" and "Baby, Come Home" (Columbia 37553). The plumbers' catchy novelty.

Jack Smith—"The Turntable Song" and "Sweet Marie" (Capitol 435). A special for disc jockeys.—United Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. A. WIRTANEN

Black, 11 pieces

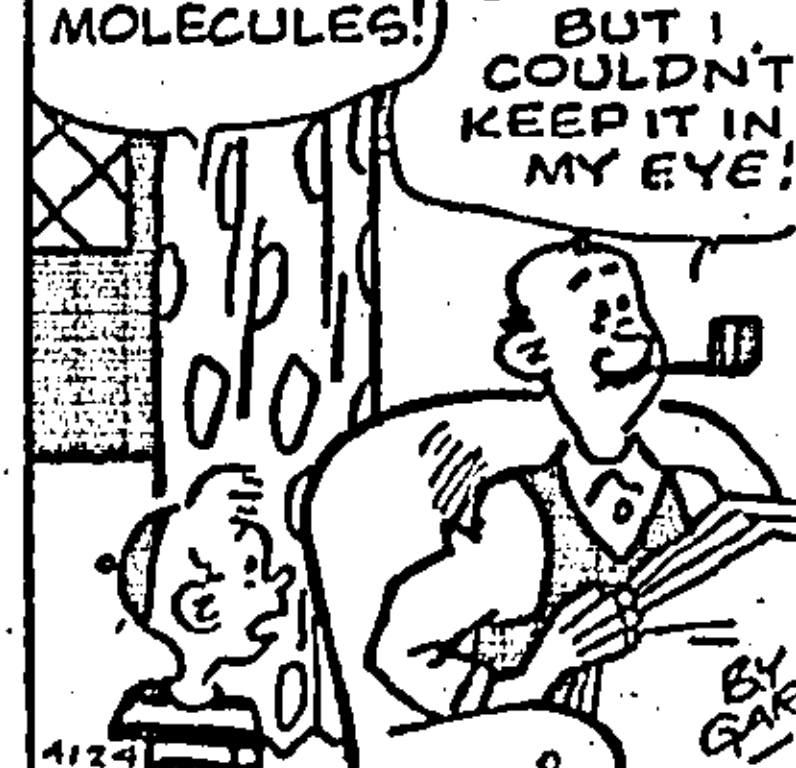


White, 8 pieces
White to play and mate in two
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Kt4=Kt, any; 2. Kt-K4 (ch, or B-K4 ch), or P-K4=Kt mate.

DUMB BELLS

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WE HAVE BEGUN THE STUDY OF MOLECULES!
I TRIED TO WEAR ONE ONCE BUT COULDN'T KEEP IT IN MY EYE!



Australia Claims Jap Whalers

Australia has lodged a claim for a Japanese whaling fleet as part of the Commonwealth reparations demands.

One 10,000 ton factory ship (the Ishi Maru) and a fleet of 12 catcher ships have been specifically demanded.

The claim has been conveyed to Occupation Commander MacArthur through George Adcheson (Chairman of the Allied Council for Japan) by Mr. MacMahon Ball, Australian representative on the Council. Should the Australian claim be granted, the fleet would begin whaling operations in the Antarctic, if possible, next season (December to March), flying the Australian flag, but carrying a mixed Australian-Japanese crew.

Japan's Needs

It would be necessary for a nucleus of Japanese technicians and whaling experts to accompany the fleet and instruct the Australians in the intricacies of whaling.

America will strongly resist Australia's claim on the ground that the Japanese need their whaling equipment for food and that removal of any part of it would weaken the nation's domestic economy.

It is suggested, however, in some quarters that Australia might be offered, as a compromise some small Japanese war-craft which could be converted into whale chasers. Should this happen, it would still take two years to build a factory ship and three to four years to train competent whaling crew.

7-Day Week In Mines In Soviet Zone

A seven-day week for all miners in the Russian zone of Germany has been decreed recently by a handpicked team of 12 Germans, says the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Herald.

These 12 Germans were appointed recently by the Russian zone commander (General Sokolovsky) to direct economic affairs in the zone.

Their decision, which was taken at a secret conference, the correspondent goes on, "emphasises the increasing gravity of the economic crisis behind the 'iron curtain'." The conference, to which the Ministers for Economy, Agriculture, and Trade of all the five Russian provinces were summoned, approved what is tantamount to an emergency programme.

"Besides the miners' seven-day week, there will be a new and exacting control on coal deliveries for industrial consumers, accompanied by the prevention of widespread losses by theft, and an effort to convert coal-burning industries to wood and substitute fuels, with villages using 'peat in winter time'." The entire network of railways in the Russian zone has been ordered to cut down on fuel consumption. "The announcement of the seven-day week for miners as usual blames the western Allies for the decision."

asserting that the coal deliveries from the Ruhr are 'insufficient'.

"No mention, however, is made of the fact that the attempts to secure an all-German economy broke down, in the face of impossible Russian demands."

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. What two countries provide most of the fur for mink coats?
 2. What island is referred to as the "Island of Cloves"?
 3. Where was Leopold Stokowski born?
 4. What is the formation of an army in echelon?
 5. What was history's greatest amphibious attack and when did it occur?
 6. Name the longest single river in the world.
- (Answers on Page 4)

Rupert and the Young Imp—51



Mr. Bear gazed in astonishment as Rupert holds up the chestnuts. "Things are all going very strangely this year," he says. "Yes," chuckles Rupert, "and I know why. A young Imp of Summer got out too early and started making things grow, our apples and these chestnuts and, such a lark, some sunflowers in Granny Goat's window-box." He tells the whole story and repeats the Imp's promise. "He says he'll give you the finest apples in all Nutwood, daddy!"

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Love Will Save The Cows

Calcutta, Aug. 21.—India's cows—holy to Hindus, meat for Moslems—are providing the new Dominion of India with a headache that threatens to become chronic.

Even Mahatma Gandhi has intervened. He issued a statement today admonishing the strong Hindu group led by the industrialist Seth Bhanu Prasad Datta, which seeks legislation to prevent the slaughter of the "sacred" cows.

"This legislation would be a great mistake," Gandhi said. "The cow has been my favourite animal for years. It can be saved if we would steal into the hearts of the Moslems in such a way that they voluntarily would not slaughter cows out of deference to the feelings of their friends."—United Press.

Yard Hunt For Sex Assailant

London, Aug. 22.—A man who is said to attack women about the time of the new moon and who is wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of the Danish girl, Inge Petersen, is receiving priority attention from Scotland Yard following his suspected assault on a village girl during the week-end.

The man's description has been flashed to 50,000 police throughout Britain, and the Yard's Criminal Investigation Department has said in effect: "This man must be detained at all costs."

On Wednesday night nearly 600 people rang up Scotland Yard to say they thought they had seen him. The most promising of these reports were immediately followed up, as police fear there may be more attacks on women if he is not traced.

Aged 28, married, with his wife expecting a baby shortly, the man's real identity is known to the police though they do not know what name he is using at present.

The object of the big-scale hunt is reported to have boasted that he has a "way with women." He was said to have carried about with him at one time a cheap book called "The Art of Love-making."

One of his distinguishing tattoo marks is a dagger with the words "Death Before Dishonour."—Associated Press.

Tariff Talks At Standstill

Geneva, Aug. 21.—Mr. William Clayton, United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, returned to Geneva today from the London talks with the British Board of Trade President, Sir Stafford Cripps.

American sources said Mr. Clayton reiterated the U. S. viewpoint on imperial preference, urging substantial reduction in preferential margins with a view to ultimate gradual elimination of the whole system of preferences.

The British did not make a final reply immediately, these sources said, and until a reply is received, United States and United Kingdom tariff negotiations are practically at a standstill.—United Press.

Repatriated Jews

Hamburg, Aug. 21.—A batch of 295 German Jews repatriated from Shanghai arrived in Berlin today, according to a report by the German news agency in the British Zone.—Reuter.

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U.S. Offer To Indonesia Was Badly Timed

New York, Aug. 21.—The New York Herald-Tribune, in an editorial entitled "Dilemma on Indonesia," said today that any United States action in Asia would be far too important in its implications to be planned casually, and warned against the danger of loss of American prestige through ill-designed intervention.

The editorial said: "Actions by the United States in Asia, where so many diverse policies have been followed during the last two generations, are far too important in their implications to be planned casually. When they are not well designed the prestige of the United States often suffers."

"The most recent loss of American prestige comes from the refusal of the Republic of Indonesia to accept the good offices of the United States in bringing peace to Java and Sumatra. In this case the American fault was in the timing."

"Apparently the American offer was delayed by the usual disagreements in the State Department between dominant specialists on Europe (who always know what is best for the people who live in European possessions) and subordinate specialists on Asia."

"The offer was not made when it would have been most attractive and might have been accepted quickly by the Indonesians—as it was by the Dutch. It was made when the Indonesians were becoming fearful that the United States supported the Dutch position, and when they saw more hope in arbitration sponsored by the Security Council of the United Nations."

"At any rate, the American effort failed. It appears that no policy

has been prepared for use in the event of a failure—although the American delegate to the Security Council has given support to the Chinese proposal that it would leave further initiative in settling the conflict in the hands of the Dutch."

"The entire performance has been one that may increase the suspicion of those Asiatics who profess to be idealists, but usually wind up supporting the white men against the brown and the Conservatives against the Liberals."

The United States now has the choice of several courses. One would be to pretend to act without acting—by supporting such ideals as the Chinese proposal and by letting the issues become bogged down in argument in the Security Council. In that event the control of Indonesia would be settled by force—perhaps after a long guerrilla war in which the wealth of Java and Sumatra would be destroyed.

"Another course would be to renew efforts to bring about direct negotiations between the Dutch and Indonesians, which certainly will not be promising in view of the current temper of the two parties."

"Still another which would have a temporary value only but seems thoroughly reasonable, would be to support a proposal that the Security Council send a commission to Java and Sumatra to supervise the execution of the Council's cease-fire order. Both the Dutch and Indonesians have agreed to obey this order. The commission to supervise the cease-fire order might be able to reduce fighting to a minimum (there is doubt it could be wholly stopped) and thus provide a better atmosphere for further steps towards peace."

Pressure On Dutch

"The United States could also urge the Security Council and all nations with interests in the Pacific to bring pressure on the Dutch to accept arbitration—to which the Indonesians have agreed. The Dutch have resisted proposals for arbitration on a legal ground that the conflict in Java and Sumatra is a domestic issue. But this contention may be a fear that the cards would be stacked in favour of the Indonesians in any United Nations arbitration proceedings."

"But it is agreed that the immediate need is to produce peace in Indonesia, that it would produce peace better to sidestep the jurisdictional question for the moment and give the Dutch some form of assurance that arbitration would be fairly conducted, and then bring pressure to persuade the Dutch to accept arbitration. The Dutch after all agreed LOO FEI . . . LOO FEI a few months ago to arbitrate territorial disputes with the Indonesians and do not seem to be on entirely firm ground even in a legal sense when they object so strenuously to the use of this peace machinery."

"There are certainly arguments against such a course. But what better course is there to follow? Is the slaughter in Indonesia to continue merely because arguments can be found against any serious effort that can be made to seek peace?"—United Press.

Van Mook Answered

Batavia, Aug. 20.—Premier Amir Sjarifoeddin today denounced Dr. Hubertus Van Mook's charge that the Republic of Indonesia was a Japanese-inspired puppet.

He added that if the charge were true, it was the fault of the Dutch and not of the Indonesians.

Dr. Sjarifoeddin spoke over Radio Jogjakarta; and as he was speaking, a Republican communiqué reported that Dutch forces were fanning out from Modjokerto, 25 miles south-west of Surabaja.

The communiqué said several places south of Modjokerto were occupied by the Dutch in a "so-called mopping-up operation."

Dr. Sjarifoeddin asserted that a document had been found which proved that the Dutch planned military action against Indonesia as early as May 20, while Dr. Sutan Sjahrir was still Premier.

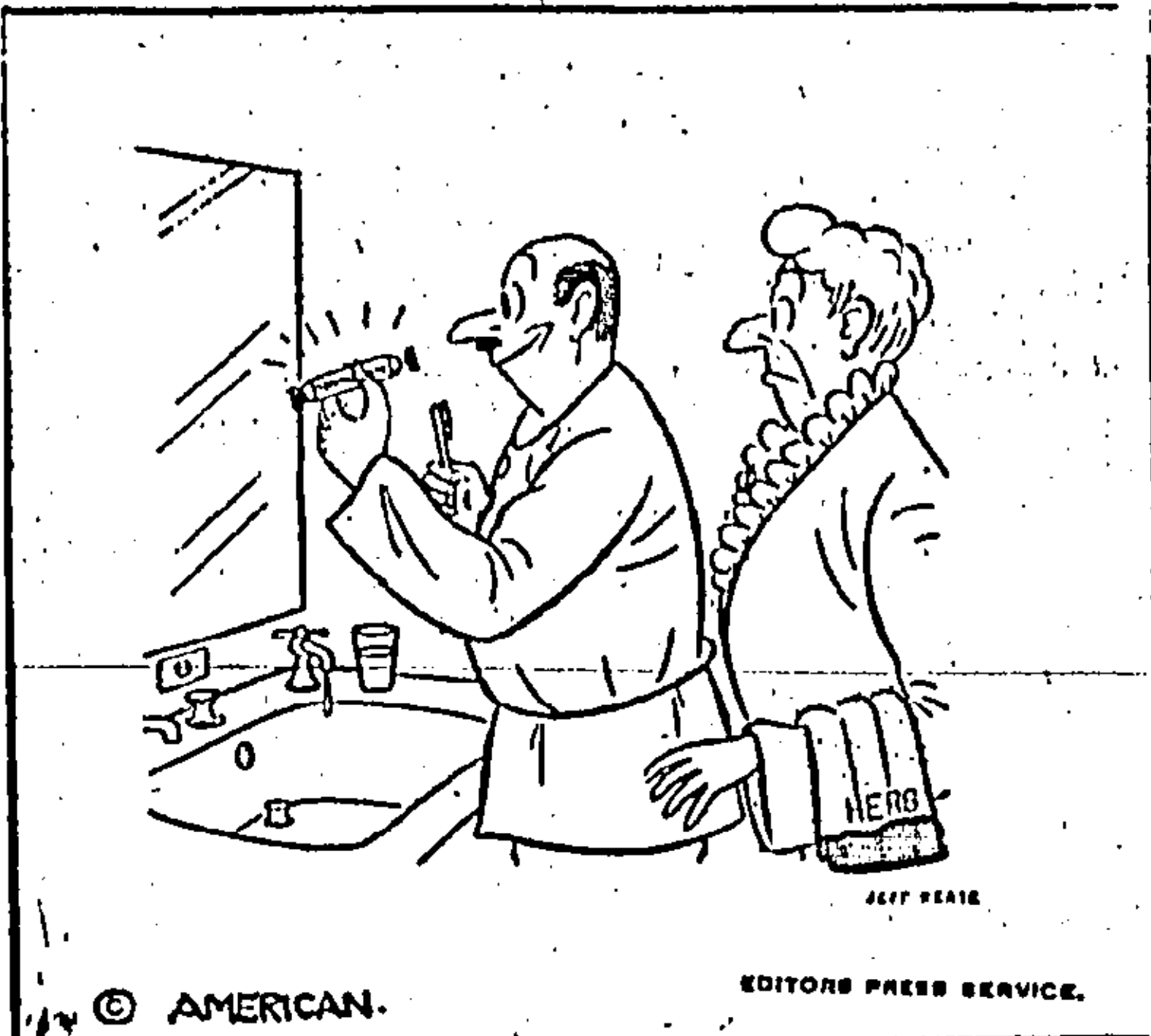
He charged that since the cease-fire order on August 4, the Dutch had advanced 140 kilometres in West Java, 77 kilometres in Central Java, 150 kilometres in East Java and 140 kilometres in Dutch-occupied Sumatra.

"If we resist, they say we are creating disturbances and not loyally adhering to the cease-fire," Dr. Sjarifoeddin said. "We do not want to be intimidated into surrendering. Our national responsibility requires us to defend our state."—United Press.

Non-Co-Operators

Batavia, Aug. 21.—The Dutch daily, Dagblaad, reported today that the Netherlands Indies Government had decided to take measures against Indonesians in Dutch-occupied territories who refuse to co-operate with the Dutch and form resistance cells for sabotage.

"These people will be sent back to Republican territory by means of trucks and trains from Cherbon," the paper said.—United Press.



Russia Applies Veto Twice On Membership

Lake Success, Aug. 21.—Russia applied the veto in the Security Council today—once against an Australian resolution on Italy's membership, and a second time against Austria's application for membership of the United Nations.

The Security Council rejected the application of Rumania and Bulgaria.

The Council also turned down Hungary's application. Russia supported Hungary, the United States opposed and there were nine abstentions.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) said that he could not vote for Hungary until he was satisfied that this government was prepared to observe peace treaty obligations in the field of human rights.

Mr. Herschel Johnson (United States) declared: "My Government has serious doubts that the newly organized government is able or willing to fulfil its obligations under the Charter."

Supporting Italy's application, Mr. Johnson said: "Over and above any

GERMANS FAVOUR NEW WAR

New York, Aug. 21.—The Scripps-Howard newspapers' foreign editor, William Philip Simms, in a dispatch from Berlin, said the Germans' greatest desire is a war between the United States and Russia—even if Germany becomes the battleground.

Simms said the impoverished Germans believe they are already as badly off as could be and have all to gain, and nothing to lose, from another conflict.

They believe that if the United States wins Germany will be given the American type of democracy, and if Russia is victorious, the Kremlin would soon realize it would be safer and to its advantage to grant the Germans a decent standard of living.

The British-licensed newspaper, Die Welt, said that of 10,000 Germans polled 74 percent expect another war and 78 percent thought it would come soon.

Meanwhile, however, American UNRRA official Paul F. White, who is in Washington from 10 months in Soviet Ukraine, declared he was "shocked" by the prevalence of war talk in the United States.

He said the Russians never mentioned war and were horrified when its possibility was suggested. Russians considered the international friction of the last 18 months was due to "postwar difficulties," which are to be expected.—United Press.

Jap Peace Treaty Talks

Delayed Until Oct.

Washington, Aug. 21.—United States official sources reported today that the proposed 11-nation Japanese treaty conference was now unlikely to be held until after this year's General Assembly meeting in New York at the earliest.

The conference was originally tentatively scheduled for August 10 and it was later hoped to get it going by September before the Assembly session.

The new delay means that the conference will now probably not meet until October or November.

This news coincides with the first official disclosure of the view on the proposed conference held by the nine countries apart from the Soviet Union, whose note on this subject has already been published.

A summary of these views made public by the State Department showed that all the British Commonwealth countries were in favour of postponement of the original date which the Australians especially described as "wholly impracticable."

Australia also declared: "A meeting at the highest Governmental level, possibly immediately before or immediately after the forthcoming meeting of the General Assembly was essential prior to any meeting of deputies and experts."

The same view was stressed, though in less forceful words, by the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

Birthday Party At Balmoral

London, Aug. 21.—Princess Margaret—known to the Scots as "Our Princess"—celebrated her "coming out" 17th birthday anniversary today at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

King George, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and her fiancé, Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, were present at Balmoral for the day, the highlight of which was the King's announcement of Princess Margaret's appointment as Colonel-in-Chief of the Highland Light Infantry.

Vivacious and photogenic Princess Margaret has acquired a reputation for her quick wit and for practical and practical jokes. Until now, her public appearances have been limited and usually in company with other members of the Royal Family, but she will accept more solo engagements in future.

Princess Margaret is to accompany the Queen on a visit to Edinburgh during the second week of the International Festival of Music and Drama, which will be inaugurated by a service of dedication in Saint Giles Cathedral on Sunday. She has expressed a desire to see Mollere's "L'Ecole des Femmes," and the Queen has requested an additional performance of the play for September 9.

Launch At Belfast

The most important engagement accepted by Princess Margaret so far is for October 16 at Belfast, where she will launch the Royal Mail Lines ship, Edinburgh Castle. It is certain that in the near future she will inspect the Highland Light Infantry in her new capacity as Colonel-in-Chief. It is her first appointment as a Colonel-in-Chief.

Her birthday was observed as a strictly private family affair, with no official guests invited to Balmoral. There was a birthday cake and presents, but details were not announced.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. registered parcels will close at 5 p.m. of previous day.

Friday, August 22
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Straits (Sea) 3 p.m.
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Australia and New Zealand via Sydney (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kobe (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 4 p.m.
Straits (Sea) 4 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Canton and Kowloon (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Saturday, August 23
Manila, P.I., Honolulu, USA & Canada (Air) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.
Formosa via Takao (Sea) 10 a.m.
Straits and Malacca (Sea) Noon.
Shanghai (Sea) Noon.
Manila, P.I. (Sea) Noon.
Formosa via Takao (Sea) Noon.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Straits and Amoy (Sea) 2 p.m.
Straits (Sea) 2 p.m.
Kobe (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kobe (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.
Canton and Kowloon (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Chungking (Air) 3.30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

Variety Request Programme
By Monica Jacks

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 945 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 630 to 11 p.m., and also on 9.50 megacycles from 11.30 to 12.30 p.m., 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. and 9.15 to 11 p.m.

12.30, Daily Programme Summary; 12.32, D.B.C. Transcription Service; 1.15, Pleasure; 1.30, News; 1.45, Weather Report and Announcements; 1.50, Orchestral Interlude; 1.55, Polkas; 1.58, Popular Classics; 2.0, Studio; Children's Half-Hour; 2.30, Mantovani and His Orchestra; 2.50, Studio; 3.00, News; 3.15, Weather Report and Announcements; 3.20, Studio; 3.30, London Relay; Home News from Britain; 3.45, Studio; "Music Hall"; 4.15, Grieg; Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 10, Wilhelm Backhaus and the New Symphony Orchestra; 4.40, Music for Dancing; 4.50, D.B.C. 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